Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, and 19 are independent. Claims 1-26 have been rejected. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Claims 27-29 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 2, and 4-19 have been amended for reasons of clarity and not related to patentability. Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's interpretation of the phrase "power supply communication" as recited in claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, and 19 to "imply a connection between elements."

Patentability of Claims 1-7, 10-16, and 19-24 over Chapel and Gilker under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7, 10-16, and 19-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,628,009 to Chapel ("Chapel") and U.S. Patent No. 4,581,705 to Gilker et al. ("Gilker"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1

Independent claim 1 recites in part: "a plurality of separate power information visual display sections disposed in the power distribution housing with at least one power information visual display section being associated with at least said one power output and at least a second power information visual display section being associated with at least said second power output; whereby said one power information visual display section may at least partially simultaneously report visible first phase information regarding said one power phase provided through said one power output and said second power information visual display section may report visible second phase information regarding said second power phase provided through said second power output" (emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits that Chapel does not teach or suggest any type of visual display sections disposed in a power distribution housing to at least partially simulataneously report phase information regarding power phases, let alone the type claimed or within the environment of the visual display sections claimed, as noted in the Office Action at Page 3.

Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker does not cure the deficiencies of Chapel. For example, Gilker is understood to describe a single visual display device (an LED display) that

can provide a readout for a certain phase of a polyphase system *when a corresponding phase button is pressed* (*see, e.g.*, Gilker at col. 5, line 47, to col. 6, line 29). Applicant respectfully submits, however, that Gilker is not unlike the prior art described in the present application at paragraph [0010]: "this prior art three-phase plugstrip has included a single current display visible to an operator along the face of the plugstrip in which the outputs are also mounted." The present application continues by stating that "another problem with this type of prior art system is that it requires the operator to take the time and effort to stop whatever the operator may be doing, turn attention to the plugstrip, and press the display button on the plugstrip to cycle through and observe the current indicators for the various phases" (*see* paragraph [0011]). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker does not teach or suggest a plurality of separate power information visual display sections disposed in the power distribution housing with at least one power information visual display section being associated with at least said one power output and at least a second power information visual display section being associated with at least said second power output, as recited in independent claim 1.

Additionally, Gilker does not teach or suggest simultaneous display of power information for multiple power phases. In fact, Gilker teaches away from it. For example, Gilker describes how different parameters for phase A could be shown sequentially and held for a short period of time, but "[t]hen, the same current parameters for the current in phase B would be shown for a short time and then so on to phase C and the ground phase" (see Gilker at col. 6, lines 23-25). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker teaches away from a plurality of separate power information visual display sections disposed in the power distribution housing with at least one power information visual display section being associated with at least said one power output and at least a second power information visual display section being associated with at least said second power output; whereby said one power information visual display section may at least partially simultaneously report visible first phase information regarding said one power phase provided through said one power output and said second power information visual display section may report visible second phase information regarding said second power phase provided through said second power output, as recited by independent claim 1.

Therefore, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the subject matter of independent claim 1. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references let alone in a fashion that would yield the claimed

subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn from independent claim 1 and such action is respectfully requested.

Claim 2

Dependent claim 2 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 1. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest any type of current determination circuits disposed in a power distribution housing, much less "wherein said one power information visual display section comprises a first phase current visual display section and said second power information visual display section comprises a second phase current visual display section and wherein the apparatus also includes a plurality of current determination circuits disposed in the power distribution housing with: (i) one current determination circuit intermediate said first phase current visual display section and said one power output; and (ii) a second current determination circuit intermediate said second phase current visual display section and said second power output," as recited by dependent claim 2.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 2 be withdrawn.

Claim 3

Dependent claim 3 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 1. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a housing that includes at least one vertical rack mounting element, much less a power distribution housing that "is elongated and includes at least one vertical rack mounting element whereby the elongated housing may be mounted to extend vertically adjacent an equipment rack," as recited by dependent claim 3.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 3 be withdrawn.

Claim 4

Dependent claim 4 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 1. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein (i) said plurality of power outputs includes at least a third power output being in power supply communication with a third power phase provided by the polyphase power input; and (ii) said plurality of power information visual display sections includes a third power information visual display section associated with said third power output," as recited by dependent claim 4.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 4 be withdrawn.

Claim 5

Dependent claim 5 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 1. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein (i) said plurality of power outputs includes at least a third power output being in power supply communication with a third power phase provided by the polyphase power input; (ii) said plurality of power information visual display sections includes a third power information visual display section, comprising a third current visual display section, associated with said third power output; and (iii) said plurality of current determination circuits includes a third current determination circuit

intermediate said third phase current visual display section and said third power output," as recited by dependent claim 5.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 5 be withdrawn.

Claim 6

Dependent claim 6 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 1. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power input including a neutral line or a neutral information monitor, much less a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein the polyphase power input includes a neutral line and the plurality of power information visual display sections includes a neutral information visual display section associated with the neutral line," as recited by dependent claim 6.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 6 be withdrawn.

Claim 7

Dependent claim 7 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 1. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power input including a neutral line or a neutral information monitor, much less a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein the polyphase power input includes a neutral line and the plurality of power information visual display sections includes a

neutral information visual display section, comprising a neutral current visual display section, associated with the neutral line," as recited by dependent claim 7.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 7 be withdrawn.

Claim 10

Independent claim 10 recites "a plurality of separate power information visual display sections disposed in the power distribution housing with at least one power information visual display section being associated with said plurality of first phase power outputs and a second power information visual display section being associated with said plurality of second phase power outputs; whereby said one power information visual display section may display information regarding first phase power provided through said plurality of first power phase power outputs and said second power information visual display section may display information regarding second phase power provided through said plurality of second phase power outputs at least partially simultaneously" (emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits that Chapel does not teach or suggest any type of visual display sections disposed in a power distribution housing to display information regarding different phase power at least partially simultaneously, let alone the type claimed or within the environment of the visual display sections claimed, as noted in the Office Action at Page 3.

Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker does not cure the deficiencies of Chapel. For example, Gilker is understood to describe a single visual display device (an LED display) that can provide a readout for a certain phase of a polyphase system when a corresponding phase button is pressed (see, e.g., Gilker at col. 5, line 47, to col. 6, line 29). Applicant respectfully submits, however, that Gilker is not unlike the prior art described in the present application at paragraph [0010]: "this prior art three-phase plugstrip has included a single current display visible to an operator along the face of the plugstrip in which the outputs are also mounted." The present application continues by stating that "another problem with this type of prior art system is that it requires the operator to take the time and effort to stop whatever the operator may be doing, turn attention to the plugstrip, and press the display button on the plugstrip to cycle

through and observe the current indicators for the various phases" (see paragraph [0011]). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker does not teach or suggest a plurality of separate power information visual display sections disposed in the power distribution housing with at least one power information visual display section being associated with said plurality of first phase power outputs and a second power information visual display section being associated with said plurality of second phase power outputs, as recited in independent claim 10.

Additionally, Gilker does not teach or suggest simultaneous display of power information for multiple power phases. In fact, Gilker teaches away from it. For example, Gilker describes how different parameters for phase A could be shown sequentially and held for a short period of time, but "[t]hen, the same current parameters for the current in phase B would be shown for a short time and then so on to phase C and the ground phase" (see Gilker at col. 6, lines 23-25). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker teaches away from a plurality of separate power information visual display sections disposed in the power distribution housing with at least one power information visual display section being associated with said plurality of first phase power outputs and a second power information visual display section being associated with said plurality of second phase power outputs; whereby said one power information visual display section may display information regarding first phase power provided through said plurality of first power phase power outputs and said second power information visual display section may display information regarding second phase power provided through said plurality of second phase power outputs at least partially simultaneously, as recited by independent claim 10.

Therefore, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the subject matter of independent claim 10. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection be withdrawn from independent claim 10.

Claim 11

Dependent claim 11 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 10 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 10. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest power information displays disposed along an elongated power output face or a power distribution housing that may be mounted adjacent an electrical equipment rack, much less a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein the power distribution housing (i) is elongated, (ii) has an elongated power output face, with the first phase power outputs, the second phase power outputs, and the power information visual display sections disposed along said elongated power output face, and (iii) includes at least one rack mounting section, whereby the power distribution housing may be mounted adjacent an electronic equipment rack," as recited by dependent claim 11.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 11 be withdrawn.

Claim 12

Dependent claim 12 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 10 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 10. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "also including (i) a plurality of third phase power outputs disposed in the power distribution housing in power supply communication with a third power phase provided the polyphase power input; and (ii) a third power information visual display section among the plurality of power information visual display sections and associated with the third phase power outputs," as recited by dependent claim 12.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 12 be withdrawn.

Dependent claim 13 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 10 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 10. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "also including (i) a plurality of third phase power outputs disposed in the power distribution housing, disposed along the elongated power output face, in power supply communication with a third power phase provided the polyphase power input; and (ii) a third power information visual display section among the plurality of power information visual display sections and associated with the third phase power outputs," as recited by dependent claim 13.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 13 be withdrawn.

Claim 14

Dependent claim 14 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 10 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 10. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest any type of current display connected in collective current determining communication with multiple power outputs, much less a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein each among each of said one and said second power information visual display sections comprise a current display section connected in collective current determining communication with the associated plurality of power outputs for the power information visual display section," as recited by dependent claim 14.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 14 be withdrawn.

Dependent claim 15 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 10 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 10. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power input including a neutral line or a neutral line information display, much less a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein said polyphase power input includes a neutral line and wherein said plurality of power information visual display sections includes a neutral line information display section in communication with the neutral line," as recited by dependent claim 15.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 15 be withdrawn.

Claim 16

Dependent claim 16 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 10 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 10. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power input including a neutral line or a neutral line information display, much less a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein said polyphase power input includes a neutral line and wherein said plurality of power information visual display sections also includes a neutral line information display section in current determining communication with the neutral line," as recited by dependent claim 16.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 16 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 19 recites "means for displaying information regarding phase one power provided by the plurality of phase one output ports, said phase one displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing" and "means for separately and at least partially simultaneously displaying information regarding phase two power provided by the plurality of phase two output ports, said phase two displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing." Applicant respectfully submits that Chapel does not teach or suggest any displaying means being disposed in a power distribution apparatus housing, as noted in the Office Action at Page 4. Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker does not disclose, much less teach, any such subject matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that Chapel does not teach or suggest any type of means for separately and at least simultaneously displaying information regarding power phases, wherein the means is disposed in a power distribution apparatus housing, let alone the type claimed or within the environment of the displaying means claimed, as noted in the Office Action at Page 3.

Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker does not cure the deficiencies of Chapel. For example, Gilker is understood to describe a single visual display device (an LED display) that can provide a readout for a certain phase of a polyphase system when a corresponding phase button is pressed (see, e.g., Gilker at col. 5, line 47, to col. 6, line 29). Applicant respectfully submits, however, that Gilker is not unlike the prior art described in the present application at paragraph [0010]: "this prior art three-phase plugstrip has included a single current display visible to an operator along the face of the plugstrip in which the outputs are also mounted." The present application continues by stating that "another problem with this type of prior art system is that it requires the operator to take the time and effort to stop whatever the operator may be doing, turn attention to the plugstrip, and press the display button on the plugstrip to cycle through and observe the current indicators for the various phases" (see paragraph [0011]). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker does not teach or suggest means for displaying information regarding phase one power provided by the plurality of phase one output ports, said phase one displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing and means for separately and at least partially simultaneously displaying information regarding phase

two power provided by the plurality of phase two output ports, said phase two displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing, as recited in independent claim 19.

Additionally, Gilker does not teach or suggest simultaneous display of power information for multiple power phases. In fact, Gilker teaches away from it. For example, Gilker describes how different parameters for phase A could be shown sequentially and held for a short period of time, but "[t]hen, the same current parameters for the current in phase B would be shown for a short time and then so on to phase C and the ground phase" (see Gilker at col. 6, lines 23-25). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Gilker teaches away from means for displaying information regarding phase one power provided by the plurality of phase one output ports, said phase one displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing and means for separately and at least partially simultaneously displaying information regarding phase two power provided by the plurality of phase two output ports, said phase two displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing, as recited by independent claim 19.

Therefore, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest the subject matter of independent claim 19. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection be withdrawn from independent claim 19.

Claim 20

Dependent claim 20 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 19 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 19. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a housing that includes a vertical rack mounting section, much less a power distribution housing that "is elongated, has an elongated side to which the phase one displaying means and phase two displaying means are secured, and includes a vertical rack mounting section, whereby the power distribution apparatus may be vertically mounted adjacent a vertical side of an electronic equipment rack," as recited by dependent claim 20.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly,

Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 20 be withdrawn.

Claim 21

Dependent claim 21 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 19 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 19. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power distribution apparatus "including (i) a plurality of phase three output ports disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing, and (ii) means for displaying information regarding phase three power provided by the plurality of phase three output ports, said phase three displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing," as recited by dependent claim 21.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 21 be withdrawn.

Claim 22

Dependent claim 22 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 19 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 19. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power input that includes a neutral line or a neutral line displaying means, much less a polyphase power distribution apparatus "wherein (i) the polyphase power input includes a neutral line and (ii) the polyphase power distribution apparatus also includes means for displaying information regarding the neutral line, said neutral line displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing," as recited by dependent claim 22.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly,

Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 22 be withdrawn.

Claim 23

Dependent claim 23 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 19 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 19. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power input that includes a neutral line or a neutral line displaying means, much less a polyphase power distribution apparatus "wherein (i) the polyphase power input includes a neutral line and (ii) the polyphase power distribution apparatus also includes means for displaying information regarding the neutral line, said neutral line displaying means being disposed in the power distribution apparatus housing," as recited by dependent claim 23.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 23 be withdrawn.

Claim 24

Dependent claim 24 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 19 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 19. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel and Gilker, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest any type of sensory alarm, much less a polyphase power distribution apparatus "wherein the phase one displaying means and phase two displaying means each include means for issuing a sensory alarm to a person proximate to the polyphase power distribution apparatus," as recited by dependent claim 24.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 24 be withdrawn.

Patentability of Claims 8-9, 17-18, and 25-26 over Chapel, Gilker, and Arato under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8-9, 17-18, and 25-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,628,009 to Chapel ("Chapel"), U.S. Patent No. 4,581,705 to Gilker et al. ("Gilker"), and U.S. Patent 4,528,497 to Arato ("Arato").

Claim 8

Dependent claim 8 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 1. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel, Gilker, and Arato, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein each among the plurality of power information visual display sections includes a sensory alarm, whereby a human in the vicinity of the power distribution housing may automatically receive sensory stimulation from said sensory alarm," as recited by dependent claim 8.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 8 be withdrawn.

Claim 9

Dependent claim 9 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 1. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel, Gilker, and Arato, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein each among the plurality of power information visual display sections includes a sensory alarm, whereby a human in the vicinity of the power distribution housing may automatically receive sensory stimulation from said sensory alarm," as recited by dependent claim 9.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 9 be withdrawn.

Claim 17

Dependent claim 17 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 10 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 10. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel, Gilker, and Arato, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein each of the power information visual display sections has an associated sensory alarm," as recited by dependent claim 17.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 17 be withdrawn.

Claim 18

Dependent claim 18 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 10 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 10. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel, Gilker, and Arato, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase alternating current power distribution apparatus "wherein each of the power information visual display sections has an associated audible alarm," as recited by dependent claim 18.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 18 be withdrawn.

Dependent claim 25 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 19 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 19. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel, Gilker, and Arato, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power distribution apparatus "wherein each displaying means includes means for issuing a sensory alarm to a person proximate to the polyphase power distribution apparatus," which is recited by dependent claim 25.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 25 be withdrawn.

Claim 26

Dependent claim 26 depends directly or indirectly from parent claim 19 and is allowable for at least the reasons recited above in support of parent claim 19. It is also independently patentable.

For example, Chapel, Gilker, and Arato, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a polyphase power distribution apparatus "wherein each displaying means includes means for issuing an audible alarm to a person proximate to the polyphase power distribution apparatus," which is recited by dependent claim 26.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion to combine the references much less in a fashion that would yield the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of dependent claim 26 be withdrawn.

Request for Examiner Interview Should Any Issues Remain

Should any issues remain after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney to arrange for an Examiner Interview. This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims in their present form should be allowed. Early favorable action is respectfully requested.

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